



How to Start a Business in New Hampshire Checklist

1. Form your business. ☐

1.1. Review formation options in New Hampshire. ☐

There are six main types of business entities in New Hampshire. Choose the one that suits your business best.

1.2. Name your business. ☐

After checking to see your name does not exist, register your business name with the Secretary of State's Office.

1.3. Get an employer identification number. ☐

Apply for an EIN with the IRS.

1.4. Register your business in New Hampshire. ☐

Sole proprietorships do not need to file with the state. Partnerships need to file their partnership agreement. LLCs and corporations must file online.

1.5. Obtain necessary permits and licenses. ☐

Check the New Hampshire government Online Licensing page to see if your business requires any special licenses. If you do, apply for them online.

2. Register your business for taxes. ☐

2.1. Register for corporate income tax. ☐

Register your business online with the New Hampshire Secretary of State Corporate Division.

2.2. Register for Business Enterprise Tax. ☐

Register your business online with the New Hampshire Secretary of State Corporate Division.

2.3. Register for Unemployment Compensation Tax. ☐

Register your business online with the New Hampshire Employment Security Bureau.

3. Hire employees and report them to the state. ☐

3.1. Purchase workers' compensation insurance. ☐

Buy this insurance coverage from an insurance company you trust. Put up the compliance poster where your employees can see it.

3.2. Report new hires to the Employment Security Bureau. ☐

Provide the necessary information for each and every new employee, rehire, and contractor online.